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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A receiving system composed of a receiving device, a monitor device for displaying an output of said receiving device, and an external recording device to be controlled by said receiving device, said receiving device comprising:

on-screen display control means for displaying a screen corresponding to various setting states and arranging items on said screen;

external device control means for setting an operation of said external recording device;

control means for, when a recording input is given,

determining whether or not a program being received is copy protected on the basis of Entitlement Control Message (ECM) data and Entitlement Management Message (EMM) data,

setting said external recording device to a recording state if said program is initially found not copy protected, and

disabling control of said external recording device if said program is found copy protected before recording said received program onto said external recording device;

whereby said external recording device is prevented from recording received copy protected programs, and

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